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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report of the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, on February 16th the Natural Resources Committee held a public hearing on the appointment of William Grewcock, from Omaha, to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. At the hearing Mr. Grewcock expressed a deep desire to serve on the Environmental Trust Board, expressed interest in the environment. The gentleman has quite a little bit of experience because he did serve a five-year term on the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, representing Douglas County. So I believe we have a good appointment here, and I would urge the body's adoption of William Grewcock's appointment to the Environmental Trust Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, on the confirmation report.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm almost afraid to make my usual protest vote this morning. When I looked at the Lincoln paper, I opened it up, and what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a picture of the Governor in martial arts garb, and a fifth degree black belt at that. I began trembling. My knees almost turned to water. My backbone started weakening, and then I saw that it was just an honorary thing that they gave him. I heaved a great sigh of relief and felt free to conduct my business as I ordinarily do. But when I first saw it, I thought he was conveying a message to me. You know, one of those messages, because he is a little fella, small piece of leather, but well put together. And if anybody crosses me, especially that Chambers, he's going to have Mike "Yohanns" to deal with. And I'll be honest, I am kind of getting up in age, and to have a young pup like that, a fifth degree black belt, assuming the martial arts stance and hollering at me (hollering), why that might have been enough to take the heart out of me. But I'm glad that I was mistaken. And he and I will renew our battle. He's going to veto all of my bills, and I'm going to fight him on the floor. But he's going to hightail it out of the state after vetoing my bill tomorrow. And he thinks I have cooled down by the time he gets back. Brothers and